

NEW YORKISMS.

From Our Own Correspondents.

New York, July 9, 1899.

The Trade in False Hair.

Few are aware of the extent to which the business in false hair is carried on in this city, and yet, for the last year more especially, ever since the impetus given to it by the debut of the blondes, several tons of human hair have been appraised by the New York Custom House for the exclusive use of this city. Between two and three millions of dollars have, during the past year, been spent for false hair in this city alone. The number of hair merchants ranges between five and six hundred, and these help to distribute the tonsorial tons all over the city and its suburbs. As an evidence that this trade in hair has greatly increased of late, one has only to take a jaunt of inspection along Broadway. Where are the bald feminine brows that we beheld a twelvemonth ago? They are gone, all gone, those "old, familiar faces," and for one bless the tonsorial art that it has been able to effect such a consummation. The baldness is not cured, it is only concealed. Some months ago I read the startling announcement in a gossiping paper that the Empress Eugenie was growing fat and bald. A few weeks after I read that, owing to some mysterious art, her head was covered with as splendid a *chevelure* as graced it in her first youth. Our New York feminine have not discovered Eugenie's secret, but they have rushed extensively into false hair, which they use up annually by the ton and the millions of dollars' worth. The knobby foreheads and white-showing patches that a year ago disfigured the New York female of a certain age, have all disappeared, concealed by hirsute ingenuities.

There are few kinds of stores in New York in which false hair is not sold. You cannot get it perhaps in a dry-goods store, nor in a book store, nor in a confectionery, nor even in a grocery; but you can get it at a milliner's, where it regularly figures along with the bonnets, braids, curls, twists, and chignons are all strung in a line in all their bewildering varieties. Many of the milliners on Fourteenth street and Ninth street have both a cap and a capillary department, and not a few of their fair customers come as much to inspect their collections of blonde hair as their display of bonnets. This hirsute tendency among the feminine hat-makers is of recent growth in New York, but it has struck like a bolt for a good many of the speculators.

The Broadway prices asked for these various combinations of hair are, of course, much the dearest; and they are not the most conscientious places, either, in which to purchase hair. The "hair" sold there is too often composed of anything else but hair. If Mrs. Glass were occupied with this subject, and giving capillary instead of culinary advice, I suppose she would say "first catch your hair"—a thing not so easily accomplished under the circumstances. Flax, sewing silk, manilla, old rope, very finely combed and oiled, are a few of the substances you get for real hair. In fact, real hair, particularly of a golden hue, is as difficult to purchase at any of these Broadway places as real whisky is; so that whether you pursue *blonde* or *Bourbon* you are equally liable to be deceived. And even when the hair is undoubtedly human it is too often cut from a corpse, so that while the unsophisticated world is admiring the beauty of your *chignon*, you, who have meanwhile peeped at the secret of its source, will feel as though you were carrying a dead-house about with you, and growling in spirit, with St. Paul, "Who will deliver me from this body of death?"

Chemists and natural philosophers talk a good deal about capillary attraction, but the greatest instance of capillary action is that which blonde hair possesses for the American female of to-day, and especially for the New York female. It is refreshing to meet with a brunette on Broadway, but if you do, you may be sure she has a bottle of auriferous ducture in her pocket. It may be seldom that you meet a full wigged woman, but ninety-nine hundredths of the women you meet have something wiggy about them. I have seen one or two glorious exceptions to this rule. I have seen a New York woman, after good-temperedly enduring much badinage on the exuberance of her locks, make every other woman present turn pale with envy by disentangling those locks from their intricacy of comb, and allowing them to fall around her, a natural veil, almost to her feet. No deception there, at all events; and that woman was never troubled again with the expression of any ungallant suspicions. But cases like these are rare exceptions. The New York woman, as a rule patronizes the dealer in false hair, and pays him from \$15 to \$40 per ounce for satisfying her demands. The highest priced hair is the white, much affected by extremely old ladies, who at death's door will supply themselves with a voluptuous chignon. Next in value to the white come the blonde, the golden, the flaxen, the auburn, and the red. After these come the darker varieties, the shades of brown and black. Hair that is naturally curly and wavy brings in New York as much as \$40 per ounce. Meanwhile the hair-dressers complain that their trade has entirely failed. They say that the increasing demand for ladies' heads who are supposed to understand the art of dressing hair, has all but caused them to close up shop.

A great deal of the hair sold in this city is brought from Paris. A good deal is not. A large proportion is brought from New England, and from the West, where just as lovely heads of hair become acquainted with the shears as in any of the countries of Europe. It is sold in various localities of the East and West for six dollars a pound. There is a certain hair dealer who would not deviate from the truth by a hair's breadth, who will say—who has in his possession hair fifty inches in length. Hair half that length is quite common, but hair three feet long is rather rare and greatly prized. There is a certain dermatologist in Bond street who professes to restore lost hair, and who, if he is a quack, is among the conscientious ones. He is short, muscular, and mulatto-like; his features are not unlike those that popular prints attribute to Alexander Dumas, *pere*. Some of the bald beauties of New York have been pestered him for months to restore their unresplendent hair; but when he pronounces that he can do nothing (as he sometimes does), that is the ultimatum. There is nothing beyond that; no appeal exists from that decision. That doctor having once left his crooked lips, there is nothing for the sufferer to do but to bear (or cover) her baldness as best she may. He is one of the lems of New York, and is notorious in Bond street. The peace and joy he is causing to bald (but beautiful) blondes can never be calculated, for many is the Sahara-like expanse he has caused (to use a figure of speech) to blossom like the rose.

In conclusion, I might remark that this is probably the last season of blonde hair in New York. With the decline of Lydia Thompson at Niblo's, the Age of Blonde will begin to wane in this city; and in my mind's eye I see the Broadway of next autumn rich and shadowy with the tresses that belong to the brunettes.

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NEWS SUMMARY.

Local Affairs.

—Caroline Grey, who was arrested early in the week by a constable at Manayunk, who number of valuable dresses in her possession, turns out to be a notorious character. She formerly resided in New York, where she served a term of imprisonment some seven years since. The clothing she had when arrested belongs to Rev. W. H. Wyatt, No. 80 McDougal street, New York, whose house she left on June 23. A quantity of silver, which she had stolen from the same place, had been disposed of by her. She also had a ticket for a watch, which was stolen from Mr. Thomas Van Amring, of No. 335 East Forty-ninth street, on the 23d of January, and pawned on the 23d in Brooklyn for \$35.00, in the name of McWey.

—Yesterday afternoon, as a gang of twenty men were engaged in raising the boiler of the New Ironsides (burned several years ago, at League Island) from two pontoons on which it had been towed to Reed street wharf, one of the ropes attached to the derrick gave way, causing the capstan bar to fly round at a fearful rate, during which William Dyer, who was superintending the job, was struck in the face, arm, and arm, etc., inflicting such terrible wounds as to cause instant death. The balance of the men, with the exception of Thomas Carlin, aged thirty-five years; William Thomas, aged thirty years; and Thomas King, aged twenty-seven years, escaped unhurt. The men were to be slightly injured about the arms, but were able to walk to their homes. The boiler weighs about 45 tons. The affair caused considerable excitement in the neighborhood where it happened. The coroner was notified to hold an inquest. Mr. Dyer, the deceased, was forty-three years of age, and resided in New York.

—The election for officers of the State Council of Pennsylvania, O. U. A. M., is now being held in the various Councils throughout the State. All Councilmen are ex-Councilors in good standing are entitled to vote. The following are the candidates for each office to be filled:—For State Councilor, John W. Quigg, of No. 27. S. V. C., John K. Zellin, of No. 11; Richard P. A. Dyer, of No. 4; Robert S. Monroe, of No. 11; George Hawley, of No. 38; Charles W. Stephens, of No. 4; E. P. Tompkins, of No. 10. For S. C. Secretary, John P. Batt, of No. 38; William M. Weckerly, of No. 38. For S. C. Treasurer, John Kicker, of No. 44. For S. C. Ind., William M. Schultz, of No. 159; James Mackintosh, of No. 68; Jerome L. Boyer, of No. 46; Eli Hollinger, of No. 35. For S. C. Examiner, John Server, of No. 52. For S. C. Protector, D. K. Hartzell, of No. 50; J. K. Detry, of No. 78; Martin A. Williams, of No. 7; Isaac S. Webster, of No. 107; Peter Server, of No. 88; Adolphe Beckins, of No. 100; H. B. Walter, of No. 15.

—It is stated that the Junction and Breakwater Railroad will be opened for travel to Lewis about the middle of next month. The pier for the use of steamboats will be finished about the same time. The grading of the Queenstown and Harrington Railroad has been commenced, and it is expected that the track will be laid as far as Ridgely by December.

—William Hall, fifty years of age, cut his throat yesterday afternoon with a pocket-knife, while locked up in a cell at the Fifth District Station House. He was removed to the hospital.

Domestic Affairs.

—Gold closed yesterday at 130.

—Owing to heavy rains, the Susquehanna Valley Railroad trains suspended travel yesterday.

—Two convicts escaped from Sing Sing during the heavy rain storm yesterday, and haven't been recaptured.

—Caroline Miller, a noted female thief, was arrested in New York yesterday. She is implicated in many Philadelphia robberies.

—Thomas Mullhall, convicted of aiding in the murder of David P. Skinner, at Cleveland, Ohio, was yesterday sentenced to death.

—The Buffalo Bill and his company has agreed to consolidate with the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, should the stockholders approve.

—Last night a ball was given at the Stetson House, Long Branch, to the members of the Army and Navy of the Gulf at present at that place.

—Euran Lameroux, an old woman of seventy years, was yesterday murdered by her daughter-in-law in New York. Cause—insanity of the perpetrator.

—The Hon. John Rose, Canadian Minister of Finance, is at Washington on reciprocity affairs, and on business connected with the Hudson Bay Company.

—The election in Mississippi is to take place on the fourth Tuesday in November. Judge Dent is supported for the Governorship of the State by a new Republican organ at Jackson.

—President Grant, yesterday, promised the Mississippi delegation, now at Washington, that he would instruct Generals Ames and Reynolds to use fairness and impartiality in their arrangements for the elections in Texas and Mississippi.

—The Gettysburg Memorial Association, at a meeting at Gettysburg yesterday, resolved to invite the commanders of armies who fought the celebrated battle to meet in the first week of August, and give information concerning it. The association intend to perpetuate the great struggle.

Foreign Affairs.

—In the month of January the revolution cost the Spanish Government \$2,000,000.

—Count Valmaseda claims to have restored civil authority in the districts of Manzanilla, Bayamo, and Jiguay.

—De Rodas will hereafter allow the Associated Press correspondent a free use of the cable, and allow more news to be sent.

—Several iron-clad frigates are being built at Cartagena, Spain.

—Many English progressives fear the failure of the Irish Church bill.

—Prominent Englishmen propose to recommence the Reform League movement.

—The Governor of Catalonia has been dismissed for failing to prevent a republican demonstration in his province.

—Napoleon is requested, by members of the Corps Legislatif, to allow them the right of sharing with him in the initiative in political measures.

—It is now asserted that the French Cabinet have resigned, and that Rouher has been commissioned to form a new ministry, to include several of the Tiers party.

—The Assignees of Overend, Gurney & Co. have declared a dividend of one shilling on the pound, to be paid in September next. Creditors will be paid their whole claims except the accrued interest.

A LION-TAMER.

A talk with One who Was Wounded Five
A lion-tamer named Lengel was severely bitten in the leg by a lioness in Charleston, S. C., in April, and is still disabled in consequence of the wound. One of the Charleston papers describes a visit to him as follows:—
"We found Mr. Lengel lying down reading, not suffering much, but very restless. He is apparently about thirty-two or thirty-three years of age, but is really ten years older. He told us that he is a native of Philadelphia, and has been engaged in the lion-taming business for eighteen years, during which time he has served in the circuses of J. M. June, S. B. Howe, Phineas T. Barnum, Haight & Chambers, Van Amburgh, Raymond & Co., Castello, and Ames, the latter of which he is with at present. June is dead. Howe and Barnum have quit the business. Haight & Chambers failed in Texas two years ago. Castello and Ames are now 'showing' in California.

"In answer to a question as to his manner of taming lions, he replied at length, saying that it was a gift of nature, with him. 'I have no fear of them. People tell me every time I get a wound that it ought to be a warning to me, and should make me fear to go in the cage again. But it does not. When I am away from the lions I get homesick, and when I can go where they are, and my wounds

prevent me from going into the cage, I get more homesick still. I never met any lions I could not tame. Three years ago I tamed five in New York, which, while in Europe, had killed one man, and badly mangled another, who had attempted to tame them. In three weeks after they were put in my charge they were as tame as I wished, though before they were considered untamable. I very seldom use force in taming them, but sometimes it becomes necessary—kindness is my usual plan. I am always careful to keep my eye upon them.

"Every one who has seen 'the lion-tamer' leaving the cage after his feat of lying down among the lions, putting his feet on their heads, feeding them, and firing off pistols, has doubtless noticed how careful he was—stepping out backwards very deliberately, and watching closely the beasts which, always advanced upon him. In speaking of this, he said:—'If I did not keep my eye upon them they would jump at me. They have sense enough to know that I am retreating from them, and they gain courage; there is more danger to me at this time than at any other. If the lions were at liberty, I would fear to go near them. Some people think that a lion born in America is more docile, partaking less of the savage nature of the brute, than one born in Africa or Asia. Not so. I would rather have to tame a lion born in either of the last two mentioned places than a lion born in this country—the latter are more dangerous and less easily tamed.'

HIS WOUNDS.
"Mr. Lengel has been bitten a number of times by lions, lionesses we should have said, as the males have never done so; 'the lionesses,' said he, 'are more treacherous and deceitful than the lions.' He has been slightly scratched an almost innumerable number of times. He has never had to lay up but twice from his wounds. The description of the wounds and the places where he received them are mentioned below.

The first wound was a bite in the left leg, in Western Pennsylvania, while with Barnum's circus.

"The second was received while with S. B. Howe & Co., in Augusta, Georgia, being severely bitten in the left hand. This wound caused him to lose the use of his middle finger.

"The third was inflicted at Little Rock, Arkansas, by a lioness in Howe & Castello's Circus. This time two fingers of the right hand were mangled. He has full use of them now.

"The fourth was received while in Madison, Indiana, last summer. The lioness seized him by the right leg, driving her teeth into the calf of his leg and nearly mangled it.

"The fifth was received last April in New Orleans. The animal seized him by the left leg, inserting one tooth of the lower jaw an inch and a half into the calf, and a tooth of the upper jaw the same depth into the lower side of the knee joint. Mr. Lengel was confined to his bed a while, but when the circus moved he came along, and gave two exhibitions, one in Augusta and one in Savannah, the latter of which he says is a paradise for a circus. On coming here he made arrangements to perform last Wednesday, but his leg pained him, he consulted Dr. F. M. Robertson, who ordered him to bed at once, telling him that the bone of the leg was injured.

This order was obeyed, and Mr. Lengel still remains in bed. He is able, however, to travel about the city occasionally.

"It is somewhat of a coincidence that Dr. Robertson has attended his patient on two other occasions, at the Pavilion Hotel, for wounds received from lionesses—all of the wounds being upon the left side of the body.

"Herr Lengel does not think he was bitten but once intentionally. He says the lionesses when together never meet but they snarl and snap at each other—two of them never live peacefully in the same cage—and states it as his opinion that, with the exception mentioned, when he aggravated one beyond endurance, he was in the way, and was bitten for one of the lionesses. He has the teeth and claws of the lioness which he thinks bit him preserved. The teeth are an inch and a half long, with a root about two and a half inches in length. If the teeth were driven in flesh up to the gums, a large-sized peach stone could be planted in the hole. The claws, which the animal, like the cat, keeps unexposed till wanted, are formidable-looking objects. We do not now doubt, as we once did, the assertions of travellers, that one blow from a lion's paw would kill a man or tear out great masses of flesh. Herr Lengel says he fears their paws more than their teeth, that they generally strike before they bite.

"Herr Lengel will have to remain here about ten days longer, after which it is probable he will be able to rejoin his company."

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DRY GOODS.

PRICE & WOOD.

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WHITE GOODS! WHITE GOODS!

Swiss Muslins, Victoria Lawns, Nainsooks.
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Field and Stripe Swiss Muslins, etc. etc.
Shirred Muslins, 50, 60, 75, 85 cents, and \$1 per yard.

Handsome Marcellines Quilts.

Honeycomb and Jacquard Quilts.

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Mosquito Netting, by the piece or yard.

Table Linens, Napkins, and Towels.

Bleached and Unbleached Muslins.

Bargains in Ladies' and Gents' Hosiery and Gloves.

Ladies' and Gents' Hosiery, plain and hemstitched.

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